



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 2, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

**Milpitas City Hall Committee Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ebright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Ebright led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Denny Weisgerber, Dana Arbaugh, William (Bill) Devereux, Arthur Ebright, Ed Ackerman, John Schmidt, Liliana Ramos, Andre Ramones, Ricardo Martinez

Excused Absence: Denny Weisgerber, Andre Ramones, Liliana Ramos

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Dale Flunoy
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** John Schmidt and Ricardo Martinez were seated as voting members.
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: AUGUST 2, 2017**
M/S: Arbaugh / Ackerman AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 7, 2017**
M/S: Ackerman / Devereux AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COORESPONDENCE**
Staff Liaison Flunoy reported on the City Recreation Services summer activities, as well as the upcoming special events.
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. **Milpitas Veterans Car Show 2017**
Discussions continued regarding the car show, including the addition of a new trophy called Veterans Commission Choice. The members of the Veterans Commission would vote for the winner of this trophy. Also discussed were respective Commissioners' efforts in promoting the car show, as well as other logistic-related issues including but not limited to mailings, marketing and graphics, vendors and volunteers, the possibility of barbecuing at the parking lot during the event, sponsors, and participants.

2. **Veterans Recognition Lunch 2017**

Staff Liaison Flunoy reported that the Veterans Commission will be asking for funding / donation at the August 15, 2017 City Council meeting. Chair Ebright and Vice-Chair Weisgerber were requested to attend the meeting in behalf of the Commission to respond to any questions that the City Council might have regarding the event and the request for donation.

Staff Liaison Flunoy shared with the Commission members Vice-Chair Weisgerber's proposal for a partnership between the Veterans Commission and the Senior Advisory Commission in terms of outreach and maximizing resources.

Discussions were also made regarding to event-related logistics including but not limited to available funds to date, attendance, sponsors, alternative funding and contingency planning should previous event sponsors and / or the donation request before City Council might not materialize, centerpieces, door prizes, and the event outreach letter.

Consensus was made to continue the discussion in the Commission's subsequent special meetings and regular meetings leading to this year's event.

3. **Veteran Fee Waivers – Sports Center and Senior Center**

Staff Liaison Flunoy reported back, per Commission request, additional information regarding projected costing and participation level based on data collected by staff, and the fiscal impact of waiving recreation services fees and facility rental fees for veterans who reside in Milpitas to the City.

In addition, Staff Liaison Flunoy replied to questions raised by the Commission members. The fiscal impact analysis was based on data available as well as taking various scenarios including but not limited to discount percentages given to veterans who would qualify for the program, the percentage of the veteran population who would avail the program, and the types of fees that would be impacted if the fee waiver program was implemented.

Discussions were made to weigh the social benefit value of implementing the fee waiver program while ensuring that the program would not fiscally burden the City and its citizens.

Motion was made for the Commission to accept staff's analysis and report on the Veteran Fee Waiver Program for the Senior Center and Sports Center as revised. Staff is further directed to take the next steps in presenting the data and proposal before Finance Subcommittee and the City Council.

M/S: Arbaugh / Devereux

AYES: 5

NAES: 1 (Ackerman)

X. **LIAISON REPORTS**

a. **City Council Report**

None.

b. **Staff Report**

None.

XI. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Milpitas Veterans Car Show 2017
- Veterans Recognition Luncheon
- Veterans Fee Waiver Program

XII. **NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Ebright adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Deputy City Clerk